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NATO FROM ADDIS ABABA 21 FEB 75:

QUOTE S E C R E T ADDIS ABABA 2121

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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR AEMR ET US

SUBJ: PSSIBLE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN MILITARY UNITS  
IN EVENT OF EVACUATION

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR WILLIE MORRIS TOLD ME THIS MORNING  
THAT HE CAN IMAGINE A POSSIBLE BREAKDOWN OF GOVERNMENTAL  
AUTHORITY IN ADDIS ABABA SO COMPLETE AS TO CALL NOT ONLY  
FOR THE EVACUATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS BUT ALSO THE  
PRESENCE OF FOREIGN MILITARY UNITS TO SECURE THE AIRPORT  
AND MOVEMENTS TO THE AIRPORT. HE BELIEVES THAT IF CONDITIONS  
EVER DETERIORATE TO THIS POINT IT WOULD BE POLITICALLY  
ADVISABLE THAT TROOPS FROM MORE THAN ONE COUNTRY BE PRESENT  
HERE. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE US AND FRANCE MIGHT BE THE  
LIKELIEST COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE SUCH TROOPS IN ADDITION

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TO THE UK. HE ADDED THAT IT WOULD OF COURSE BE NECESSARY

UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES TO EXPLAIN THE SITUATION AT THE UN AND THAT HE WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE MUCH OF AN ADVERSE REACTION FROM AFRICAN STATES. THE AFRICAN EMBASSIES IN ADDIS ARE GREATLY WORRIED BY THE POSSIBLE BREAKDOWN OF AUTHORITY IN ADDIS AND FOR THE MOST PART WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY EVACUATION ARRANGEMENT AND/OR FOREIGN TROOP PROTECTION. AMBASSADOR MORRIS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SENSIBLE FOR THE US, THE UK AND THE FRENCH TO DISCUSS THE TROOP CONTINGENCY PROBLEM BEFORE IT ACTUALLY ARISES SO THAT ACTION COULD BE TAKEN MORE PROMPTLY BY ALL THREE POWERS IF IT SHOULD PROVE DESIRABLE TO SEND TROOPS TO ADDIS ABABA.

2. WE BELIEVE AMBASSADOR MORRIS' ANALYSIS IS SOUND AND RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF A TRIPARTITE CONSULTATION ON THIS SUBJECT, INCLUDING PRACTICALITIES OF POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN FORCE OF AFRICAN OR THIRD WORLD TROOPS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE. WYMAN UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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